



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 19 PERCENT  
FROM LAST YEAR BUT DOWN 3 PERCENT  
FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

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AUSTIN . . . The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 114.7 million bushels, 19 percent higher than last year and 46 percent higher than 2002. This estimate is down 3 percent from the June forecast.

According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year but down 2 bushels from the June forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.7 million acres, is up 7 percent from 2003.

"Remaining fields on the Panhandle were hurt a bit by strong winds and hail, but overall the season turned out above average," State Director Robin Roark reported.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 47.0 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.6 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. Production in the Cross Timbers area is estimated at 7.6 million bushels, up 78 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 20.6 million bushels, 17 percent higher than the 2003 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last month and 14 percent below 2003. Yield is expected to average 42.2 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and 4.5 bushels lower than last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.8 million acres, down 5 percent from a year ago.

# TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2003 AND 2004 <sup>1</sup>

| Districts                          | Planted acres      |       | Harvested acres    |         | Yield per acre |      | Production           |         |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|----------------|------|----------------------|---------|
|                                    | 2003               | 2004  | 2003               | 2004    | 2003           | 2004 | 2003                 | 2004    |
|                                    | <u>1,000 acres</u> |       | <u>1,000 acres</u> |         | <u>Bushels</u> |      | <u>1,000 bushels</u> |         |
| 1-N .....                          | 2,527              | 2,400 | 1,344.0            | 1,550.0 | 30.7           | 30.3 | 41,199               | 47,000  |
| 1-S .....                          | 500                | 480   | 163.0              | 150.0   | 26.8           | 27.3 | 4,375                | 4,100   |
| 2-N .....                          | 679                | 630   | 422.0              | 330.0   | 26.1           | 27.6 | 10,997               | 9,100   |
| 2-S .....                          | 1,136              | 1,000 | 585.0              | 630.0   | 20.2           | 26.7 | 11,795               | 16,500  |
| 3 .....                            | 556                | 590   | 182.0              | 270.0   | 23.4           | 28.1 | 4,266                | 7,600   |
| 4 .....                            | 689                | 690   | 463.5              | 470.0   | 37.9           | 43.8 | 17,578               | 20,600  |
| 7 .....                            | 333                | 310   | 185.0              | 200.0   | 18.1           | 32.5 | 3,345                | 6,500   |
| 8-N .....                          | 80                 | 90    | 53.5               | 70.0    | 30.0           | 30.0 | 1,604                | 2,100   |
| Other districts <sup>2</sup> ..... | 100                | 110   | 52.0               | 30.0    | 27.7           | 40.0 | 1,441                | 1,200   |
| STATE .....                        | 6,600              | 6,300 | 3,450.0            | 3,700.0 | 28.0           | 31.0 | 96,600               | 114,700 |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary 2004. <sup>2</sup> Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

